



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 29, 1908.

It was announced at Oyster Bay yesterday that President Roosevelt would maintain an attitude of non-interference in the selection of all candidates for office. It was added, however, that "the president will probably see different people from time to time during the campaign, but that doesn't mean that he will interfere in any nomination."

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE, a synopsis of which was published in yesterday's Gazette, proclaims the purpose of his administration if he is elected president. It will be to "clinich" the "policies" of President Roosevelt. There is really little new in his speech, but it blasts any hopes of those who have entertained them that he would break away from the hypnotic influence of Mr. Roosevelt, which he has been under so long.

INDIGNATION has been excited among democrats at Lincoln, Neb., by the discovery that the political authorities are sending out republican literature under the government frank. Some of this literature has been given to Mr. Bryan by recipients of it and he is greatly interested, but declines to make comment. It can be accepted that not only the mails, but all other government means at command of the present administration will be exerted to defeat the democratic party.

MR. HEARST'S party, the independence party, at their convention in Chicago last night put a national ticket in the field and adopted a platform of principles. Thomas Higen, of New York, was nominated for president and John Temple Graves was nominated for vice president. The ticket was put in the field for spots by Mr. Hearst and has no more chance of winning than had any of the "third parties" that preceded it.

THE day after the nomination of Mr. Bryan the republicans sent out a report that a former democratic United States Senator had declared that he would not vote for Bryan, but would support Taft. Since that day nothing further has been heard from this worthy. Was he a myth? or if not the republicans are evidently as much ashamed of him as the democrats would be.

CHAIRMAN LLOYD, of the democratic congressional committee, who has just returned from a trip through the west claims that the next House will be democratic by 84 majority. Indications certainly point that way.

THE banks have discovered that if they join one of the currency associations the law makes no provision for voluntary withdrawal from such association and some of the big bankers, therefore, refuse to participate.

THAT republican policies have produced business panic and depression is shown by Bradstreet's report of 7,560 failures in the first half of this year with total liabilities of more than double any year since 1897.

MR. TAFT is no longer in ignorance of the fact that he has been nominated.

From Washington.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry rejected today all of the bids for the three colliers authorized by the last session of Congress, and new bids will be advertised for as soon as the specifications can be revised to meet the approval of the board of construction. This action was taken following a conference between Mr. Newberry, Rear Admiral Converse, president of the board of construction, and officials of the four competing shipbuilding companies. These companies and their respective bids are the Maryland Steel Company, who proposed to build the three vessels for \$376,000 each; the New York Shipbuilding Company, at \$438,000 each; Wm. Cramps & Sons, \$475,000 each; and the Massachusetts Steamship Company at \$525,000 each. The action of Mr. Newberry was probably followed by a protest made by Henry S. Lyons, representing the Massachusetts Steamship Company, and by President Wood of the Maryland Steamship Company, each claiming the right to the contract.

Former Senator Harris, of Kansas called on Secretary of War Wright this morning to request that steps be taken by the War Department to harness the Kaw river in Kansas, which for several years has had a habit of going on periodical wanderings along the border

line between the state and Missouri. Almost everywhere there is a shower this river develops a mad desire, first to swing Kansas City into Kansas and then to swing Kansas City, Kan., into Missouri. Secretary Wright informed Mr. Harris that Capt. Edward Schulte, the engineer officer at Kansas City, already has been instructed to thoroughly investigate this problem.

Cotter T. Brice, who is treasurer of the B. van Democratic Club, has opened an office at 510 Twelfth street north-west for the receipt of contributions to the democratic campaign fund. Mr. Brice is a personal friend of Mr. Bryan and one of his most ardent supporters.

Jacob P. Hookman has been appointed postmaster at Strole, Page county, Va., vice A. B. Dovel, resigned. The action of the Honorable government in cancelling the exequators of the American and all other consuls at the town of Ceiba is still unexplained. The American consul, Drew Liner, has not yet responded to the U. S. Department's inquiry as to the facts.

The will of the late Rev. D. F. Spring, formerly of Alexandria, was admitted to probate today. His estate valued at \$50,000 is bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. Eliza Francis Perry. At the death of the beneficiary, the estate is to be divided among her four children. A bequest of \$5,000 is made to Francis Spring Perry, an advance which is to be deducted from his portion, which he will receive at the death of his mother.

Officials of the Smithsonian Institution have decided to withdraw the veil of secrecy which has been maintained in connection with the aerodrome constructed by the late Prof. Langley, and the machine which plunged into the Potomac some years since will hereafter be easily accessible. It is said that William Thaw was Prof. Langley's financial backer.

BEAT ROANOKE DENTIST.

Dr. W. S. Gregory, a prominent dentist, was assaulted in his office in Roanoke, yesterday, by President E. M. Coulter, of the National Business College, and Lee Keedick, of New York, his brother-in-law. Coulter and Keedick entered the office, locked the doors and proceeded to beat the doctor until his cries of "murder" attracted hundreds of people, and brought the police to the rescue. When the door was opened, Gregory had crawled under a table, with one of his eyes closed and a big bump over it, and bruises all over his body, where he had been struck with a heavy piece of glass. Coulter and Keedick were arrested, and fully a thousand people followed them to the police station, where they were jailed out.

It is alleged that the dentist had invited a lady friend of the two men while she was under treatment in his office. Gregory would make no statement. Coulter and Keedick later reported the alleged insult to the police.

Cannibals Want Independence.

Libson, July 29.—Barely prevented by the timely arrival of the French cruiser Cassard from achieving liberty by eating their oppressors, the native cannibal population of Portuguese Guinea is negotiating for independence, according to dispatches today. The European inhabitants at Bissao, the provincial capital, were rescued days after the outside world had given them up as dead. Provisions were exhausted, ammunition running low, civilians and even women were fighting night and day alongside the military force of 200 Portuguese soldiers. Portugal had no military force and no warship in the vicinity. The Cassard, cruising in African waters, visited Bissao largely by accident and without any knowledge of the pending struggle. Under the cruiser's guns the natives were forced to fall back.

BRAINED WITH AN AXE.

Elijah L. Cole, a former saloonkeeper, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon at Petersburg by John Aabby Mullen. After killing Cole, Mullen attempted to kill his wife, Minnie L. Mullen. The weapon used was an axe, and Mullen assigned as his reasons intimacy between his wife and Cole. Mullen, in a statement, claims that his wife confessed to this intimacy to him and that he warned her to desist, and told her that he would kill them both. Cole was killed in a bed in Mullen's home, his skull being crushed to a jelly and his brains scattered over the walls of the room. At r killing Cole, Mullen assaulted his wife, striking her a glancing blow on the head and several blows in the back with the same axe that he had just killed Cole with. Mrs. Mullen claims that her husband condoned her fault, and that yesterday morning he carried a note to Cole inviting him to call on that evening; that Cole and her husband were the best of friends, and that her husband was aware of the fact that Cole was in her room. The police are inclined to the belief that Cole was foully murdered, and that Mullen brought him to his own house with the intention of killing him.

GAVE LIFE FOR SON.

W. W. Wotring, aged 38 years, a Baltimore and Ohio engineer, was drowned in the river, near Cumberland, Md., yesterday afternoon, while trying to save his little son Carl from drowning. Carl and Carl were swimming, when Carl got out to where the water was over his depth and was drowning. Mr. Wotring, who could not swim, was sitting on the bank watching the boys, and he leaped in after his son and went down in the same place. H. S. Wotring, a brother of the man who was drowned, jumped in and saved Carl and then went to the aid of the father, but he had gone under the surface, and his body was not recovered until some time later. Mr. Wotring leaves a widow and five children.

LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES.

Table with columns for League, Yesterday's Results, How They Stand, and National League. Lists various baseball games and scores.

Virginia News.

The Roanoke Traction Company, capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000, was chartered at Richmond yesterday.

William F. Ast, one of Stanton's oldest business men, died suddenly yesterday aged 76 years.

Gilbert R. Prudfoot, of Norfolk, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, asking relief from debts amounting to \$21,225.61.

Richard E. Byrd, speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, is prominently mentioned in connection with the attorney generalship of the State.

H. J. Slifer, general manager of the Panama Railroad Company, and Representative E. W. Saunders of the Fifth district of Virginia, arrived yesterday by steamer from Colon.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission is hearing the application of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company for permission to raise its rates between Newport News and Hampton from 5 to 10 cents.

Mrs. Maud Needham, of Lynchburg, who, last session, was assistant to the treasurer at Sweet Brier Institute, leaves on August 1 for Thomson, Ga., to become private secretary to Thomas E. Watson, the populist nominee.

H. Crawford Bonds, superintendent of the Williams county schools, and J. Walter Hodgdon, principal of the Williams High School, Md., who recently resigned, have accepted positions in the Virginia State Training Schools, at Front Royal.

D. W. Doggett, of Lancaster county, saw a nest of partridge eggs. He carried them home and placed them under a hen. All except one hatched. The hen is caring for them and they seem to be perfectly contented. The question is will they desert their mother and fly away when grown?

K. B. Etnor, of Fincastle, near Roanoke, has sold his rights in a new wheat seed which he has developed to westerners for a quarter of a million dollars. The first single seed brought forth 120 stalks of wheat. Seed sent to a number of states for experiment have done equally as well.

The contest of the liquor men growing out of the local option election last spring, in which Fredericksburg went dry, began there yesterday before Judge Goodrick. After argument by counsel on both sides, adjournment was taken until today when St. George R. Fitzhugh will speak for the "wets" and Speaker R. E. Byrd, of Winchester, will represent the "dry's."

It is the opinion of Dr. S. C. Hatcher, a member of the State board of charities and corrections, also a former pastor of Norfolk, but now of Farmville, that Indiana will certainly give Bryan and Kern a handsome majority in the November election. Dr. Hatcher has just returned from a trip through Indiana, where he went, accompanied by Mr. P. A. Irving, in the interest of the State board.

John H. Merritt, of Charlottesville, said to have been the best locomotive engineer in America, was killed by a train at Clifton Forge yesterday. He was on his way to the engine-house to prepare for his return trip to Charlottesville. On the westbound main track, just west of Gladys, Va., he stepped from behind the yard engine directly in front of No. 3, which struck and fatally injured him.

News of the Day.

George Raisbeck and his wife, of New York are supposed to have been drowned at Annapolis, Md.

A republican uprising in Lisbon was nipped in the bud by the Portuguese government.

Three hundred Chinese were drowned when a Chinese steamer foundered in a typhoon recently and six vessels were blown ashore at Hongkong.

The Central Pacific Railroad has paid the twentieth and last note for \$2,929,661 in liquidation of its indebtedness to the government.

The executive committee of the people's party has challenged William J. Bryan to meet Thomas E. Watson in joint debate.

Mrs. John Drew, mother of Hazel Drew, whose body was found in Teal pond N. Y., declares that the girl was hypnotized and murdered.

Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, has been chosen to succeed Representative Sherman as chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee.

Dr. Andrew Bergen Cropsey, the veterinary surgeon, who shot and killed his wife at her home, in Bath Beach New York, died suddenly in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, yesterday.

Because they intervened in behalf of the noncombatants, the consular representatives of the various governments at Ceiba have incurred the displeasure of President Davis, of Honduras, and he has canceled their exequators.

The visit of the prince of Wales to Quebec came to an end last night when the prince went aboard the battleship Indomitable, which sailed shortly after midnight. His departure was marked by the same scenes of enthusiasm which marked his arrival a week ago.

Representative Lilwell Powers, of the Fourth Maine congressional district, died at his summer home at Houlton, yesterday. He was 69 years of age. He was serving his fifth term in the national House of Representatives. He was twice elected governor of the state.

Dr. Franklin T. Howe, for many years news editor of the Washington Star, died last night at his home, Brookland, after an illness of less than a week. Dr. Howe was born in Boston in 1845, and was therefore, sixty-five years old. During the war he served in a Massachusetts regiment.

The steamer Maryland on its trip up the Chesapeake on Monday was followed for a long distance by a large shark. The presence of the fish created fear among some of the passengers, and a large amount of food was thrown over to the shark, which caused it to stop its pursuit of the steamer.

Charles L. Rosenick of Baltimore, a night engineer at the Baltimore Refrigerating Company, Eutaw and Barra streets, was killed last night about 8 o'clock while attending his engine. No one witnessed the accident, but it is supposed that Rosenick, while oiling the works, was caught by the flywheel and thrown across the length of the room.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Fear Uprising in India. London, July 29.—England is face to face with another mutiny in India, by the side of which the uprising of 1857 will be child's play. Long apprehensive of the present situation, government officials were thrown into a panic today by the report of conditions there brought by army officers and civilians who have just returned from India. One of these army officers said: "Something has got to be done quickly. India can only be ruled by fear. There are nearly 60,000 Europeans in India as against 300,000,000 natives. If they get the upper hand the least bit more a mutiny will result and every white man will be killed and every woman attacked before England can send help."

India is getting more of an "upper hand." The whole country is reeking with sedition and all of England's repressive measures have failed to check its spread. Alarmed at the acknowledged danger, the most drastic laws were recently passed against the publication of seditious articles and throwing of bombs, but the only effect has been to stir up greater hatred of English rule.

The Indian nationalist party which is growing with alarming rapidity, is back of the impending conflict. It avowed itself to sweep Britain out of India. I am members openly boast that they have corrupted half of the native population and that in the event of an uprising, these would join with the movement for freedom. English army officers in India confess that in case of an outbreak, they could not rely on the Indian soldiers. On every hand it is conceded that were England to become involved in a war with another nation, India would mutiny immediately and make a strike for liberty that would stagger the mother country.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Son Killed. Paris, July 29.—G. Withers Sands, a son of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, by her first marriage, was killed in an automobile accident near Poissy today, according to a report received here.

The first report of the accident was to the effect that the victim was W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. An extra edition of the Patrie announced this fact and a furor was created on the Bourse and in the American colony. Later came a report that a mistake had been made due to the fact that the accident occurred to the Vanderbilt car.

The automobile carrying Sands and his chauffeur overturned at a sharp turn in the road near Poissy, pinning the victims beneath the wreckage. They were released with difficulty, as the car was in flames by the time the rescuers reached the scene. Sands was taken to the Chateau Saint Louis, where he died of his injuries within a short time. The chauffeur was also terribly injured and is not expected to live.

For some reason a veil of mystery has been thrown around the accident and attaches at Saint Louis refuse to talk of the matter. Mr. Sands was making his home at his stepfather's chateau at Poissy. He was 27 years old and a well-known athlete. He spent a year at Harvard and three years ago married Miss Tayo Newton, of 120 west 57th street, New York.

Consolation Race. London, July 29.—Sir Thomas Lipton today in an effort to clear up the ill feeling engendered by the disqualification of J. C. Carpenter, the American, in the 400 meter Olympic race, offered a \$500 cup for a race between Carpenter and Lieutenant Halswelle, the English runner, who was beaten by Carpenter, out won the re-running of the event without competition. That Halswelle is not anxious to meet the speedy Carpenter man is shown by his refusal to go to America at the invitation of the Knights of Columbus. Lipton, however, hopes to be able to bring the men together in this country. Lipton says that both countries have been put in a false light by this squabble. The offer of Lipton was an outcome of his entertainment of the American athletes yesterday. Mike Murphy, trainer of the American, said he would try to induce Carpenter to accept the proposal. Halswelle is in Scotland and has not been heard from.

Thomas McIntyre Dead. Baltimore, Md., July 29.—Thomas A. McIntyre, head of the firm of T. A. McIntyre & Co., brokers, of New York, whose recent failures caused a tremendous sensation in banking and brokerage circles, died this morning at the home of Mr. Henry E. Boyd in this city.

The direct cause of Mr. McIntyre's demise has not yet been made public. It is known, however, that the New York financier had been in poor health for some time. Mr. McIntyre only reached Baltimore this morning, coming from Old Point, Va., where he had been staying in an effort to regain his lost health.

Boston Brokers. Boston, July 29.—All connection between the curb brokers and the Boston stock exchange will end on August 1; so today the curb men formed an organization which they hope will give their transaction something of the weight that will be lost by the severance of relations with the regular exchange. The latter body some days ago notified its members that none of them either personally or through their firms could be associated with the curb. Thomas W. Lawson, the most prominent broker outside the stock exchange, has been asked to assume the chairmanship of the curb board of governors.

The Prince Departs. Quebec, July 29.—On board the Indomitable, Britain's greatest warship the Prince of Wales sailed this morning for England. The big fighter is scheduled to make the fastest time on record across the Atlantic. It was only after a farewell dinner aboard the flagship Exmouth last night that the rounds of the prince's activities in Quebec ended. For the week of his stay he has been constantly on the go and though his lack of magnanimity failed greatly to win the crowds who have cheered him the heartiness of the applause showed plainly that Canada is heart and soul for the Britains. Before leaving the prince summoned several American newspaper men and expressed his regret that he was unable to accept the many invitations he received to visit the United States. Vice President Fairbanks after giving out an interview lagoon to Mackinac Island. Mrs. Fairbanks accompanied him.

Holland and Venezuela.

The Hague, July 29.—The Netherlands government has ordered the battleships Heemskerk, Piet-Hen and Eversten and the cruisers Holland, Utrecht and Friesland to assemble in the West Indies. The commander of the West Indies squadron has been notified to be prepared to switch his fleet to Venezuela at a moment's notice. The ministry of marine is negotiating for the purchase of several small, fast steamships to supplement the fleet in the event of a blockade of Venezuelan ports. The order for the assembling of the fleet occasioned intense excitement throughout the capital, as it is taken to mean that Netherlands will, despite the socialist opposition at home, plunge into war with Venezuela unless Castro completely backs down from his arrogant position. Important information has undoubtedly reached the government within the last few hours which has led to the warlike preparations. Last night it was announced that the talk of a naval demonstration against Venezuela was premature and that the rupture between the two countries was up to that time only diplomatic. Since this statement a complete change has come over the ministry of marine and other government officials there is every indication that the country is preparing for a struggle with Venezuela. It is still held here that the movement of a fleet against Venezuela will cause Castro to apologize for the summary dismissal of Minister De Reus.

Count Boni's Demands. Paris, July 29.—Profiting by the Princess de Sagan's effort to sell her properties in France and remove to the German estate of her husband, Count Boni de Castellane is trying to effect a settlement of his claim for his children without a fresh resort to legal proceedings.

The count and princess have agreed to wait until October before asking the court to enter a final decree with regard to the children. The count, however, will appear in court tomorrow to object to his former wife's selection of a new tutor for the children without consulting him.

The princess' divorce decree from the count prohibited her from taking the children out of France without their father's permission. Boni's lawyers are representing to the princess now that she has no chance of releasing her desire to change her home except through an arrangement with the count. In the arrangement the count is insisting on the custody of the children for several months each year and a liberal allowance for their care. So far the princess has refused the count's overtures, but the difficulty of her position is so apparent that it is believed she will eventually yield.

Burning a Body. New York, July 29.—A revolting crime was bared today when the body of a woman was found burning in a bonfire in a vacant lot in Calyer street, Brooklyn. That the destruction of the body was to hide murder seems certain but whether the victim's identity will be discovered is doubtful, the body being so far consumed. Detectives in the district are searching the vicinity but with little hope of discovering the identity of the victim or of obtaining a clue to the slayer.

The face of the woman was eaten away by acid, the hands and feet bound with ropes and a deep gash in the throat. Discovery of her identity and detection of her slayer constitutes a problem without parallel in the police records of the city. The body of the victim now lies at the morgue awaiting autopsy and at Brooklyn headquarters James Rudwick, watchman, who found the body, and his son, Joseph, a pedlar, are under arrest.

As nearly as can be ascertained from the remains the girl was not more than 20 years old. She had evidently been mistreated. No crime in Brooklyn's police records has created such activity, and meantime, Rudwick and his son are being sweated in the hope that they may reveal some clue to the murder.

Suicide Feared. Boston, July 29.—"Come to Boston when you get your vacation and I'll give you a good time" wrote John H. Meeks to his daughter, Clara Iola Meeks. The girl was living with her mother, Mrs. James Halpin, at Ridgefield, Conn., her parents having been divorced. She had not seen her father for 11 years and she accepted his invitation only to find that he wanted her to take charge of his body when he committed suicide. Today the police are dragging for Meeks' body in the Charles river, for yesterday afternoon on a bridge over that stream were found a man's hat and shoes and a letter addressed to Miss Meeks, declaring that her father was out of work and despondent and was going to throw himself into the river. He asked her to notify the rest of the family.

Terrible Loss of Life. Canton, July 29.—The loss of life in the typhoon that swept the Chinese coast for two days will run into thousands, according to reports that are reaching here today. More than a hundred native vessels, most of them small craft, were destroyed, few of their crews being saved. The British river gunboat Robin and the French gunboats Argus and Vigilante were damaged seriously. The torpedo boat destroyer Whiting was driven ashore at Lyceum Park. The river steamer Saxon sank at her pier. For several hundred miles along the coast reports of heavy damage are coming in. Buildings were wrecked in all the towns in the path of the typhoon and the loss of life on land was almost as heavy as by drownings. The Pacific mail office here and Queens College suffered heavy losses.

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The funeral will be held from her late residence Thursday evening at three o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. (Baltimore papers please copy.)

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Mr. Bryan.

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—The United Press representative secured today from a close friend of William J. Bryan the first authentic outline of his plan of campaign. He will make a few prepared speeches at central points and nearly all of these will be made by the first of October.

During the month of October he expects to remain at home and assist in educational work of the campaign through the discussion of public questions in the form of interviews, signed articles and letters.

Bryan arose early today and was busy with his large correspondence and the study of Taft's speech of acceptance. In all probability he will some time today issue a formal statement covering his views of the Taft speech.

The contributions from democratic newspapers continue to be received. The fund is beginning to assume considerable proportions.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. The House of Lords yesterday passed the amendment to the old age pensions bill, which limits its operation to seven years, despite the warning that the action infringed the privileges of the House of Commons.

Tonight Mr. Taft will leave Cincinnati for Hot Springs, Va., where he expects to remain for about a month before returning to his home city for the campaign. Most of the visitors who thronged Cincinnati yesterday have left for their homes and the city is taking off its fringe.

A Colorado Fuel and Iron Company train was hurled from the top of sixty foot trestle at the steel plant at Pueblo, Col., early today, crushing to death Engineer Thomas and Fireman Roach. Several other trainmen had narrow escapes.

E. H. Harriman and George J. Gould, with bankers interested with them are conferring at New York today to decide upon how to take care of the \$5,000,000 Wheeling and Lake Erie notes which matures August 1. An announcement of their decision is expected before night.

Despite the reported approaching marriage of the Duke d'Abuzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, Queen Margherita, of Italy, is still persisting in her opposition to the marriage. One of the dowager's intimates' friends said today that should the marriage take place she will cut both the duke and his bride from her list of acquaintances.

Friends of Count Tolstoy concerning his objections to a celebration in honor of his eightieth birthday, August 28, today made known their plans for paying homage to the great "Torch Bearer." A gigantic pilgrimage from all over Russia to Tolstoy's home at Tula is one of the proposed features. The pilgrims are pledged to make the trip on foot and live the "simple life" on the road.

Edward R. Britton, president of the Eagle Savings and Loan Association, was arrested this afternoon at Brooklyn, N. Y., after being indicted by the grand jury, on a charge of grand larceny. Frederick Schroder, vice president of the Eagle Savings and Loan Association, was also arrested with President Britton, charged with embezzlement of \$47,000. Both men were arraigned before Judge De Ketut made no plea. They were both held in \$10,000. It is said that all the money went into a Dakota mining venture which failed to pay out.

Billing Nelson and Joe Gray are to fight for the lightweight championship of the world at Colma, Cal., on September 9. James Griffith today succeeded in matching the men, who will fight 45 rounds for 75 per cent of the gate receipts. They will weigh in at 133 pounds ringside and will split the purse at sixty and forty. Eddie Smith has been agreed upon as referee. There is no doubt that the contest will draw one of the greatest crowds in the history of pugilism.

Refusing to take the stand in his own defense Archie Herron, who was on trial at New Brunswick, N. J., for the murder of Rev. S. B. D. Prickett, of Metuchen, at Metuchen, yesterday, was defended by his counsel, Lawyer Cowenboven. "I won't have anything to do with the trial," said Herron, and no entreaties could move him from his seat. Herron was later convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be executed during the week of September 7, for killing Rev. S. B. D. Prickett, at Metuchen, July 15.

The authorities today are trying to clear the mystery surrounding the death of George Raisbeck and wife of New York, whose bodies were found in Lake Sylvia, near Annapolis, Md., yesterday. Raisbeck was president of the Phillip Lake Manufacturing Company of New York and had a summer cottage at the lake. Near an empty boat was found in a kneeling posture in shallow water, the body of Mrs. Raisbeck. It bore several bruises and cuts, but there was no water in the lungs. The man's body was in the middle of the lake. He had been drowned. The coroner returned a verdict of drowning in both cases.

Masked robbers held up Clifford Cakes, ticket agent of the New York Central, yesterday and escaped with about \$300. Cakes was in the depot when the robbers entered and, pointing a gun in his face, forced him to open the safe. No sooner had they secured the cash and fled than Cakes gave the alarm and within an hour detectives from Utica and Potosi from the county near here took up the chase.

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SCHOOL BOOKS.

The following is a list of the principal text books recently adopted for all the counties of Virginia. The prices of school books will be much lower than ever before. In most cases old books can be exchanged for about half the cost of the new books.

Playmates Primer 16. Sheppe's Word Studies—Primary 13, Advanced 13, Teacher's Edition 20. Webster's Dictionaries—Primary 44, Common School 65.

Readers—Johnson's Graded Classics 1-6., Baker and Carpenter's Language Reader's 5th and 6th 39 and 44. Language and Grammar—Language Through Nature, Literature and Art 30, Hyde's Two Book Course 25 and 46.

Virginia Histories—Magill's First Book 55, Magill's History of Virginia 65. American Histories—Chandler and Chittwood's Makers of American History 40, Lee's New School History of U. S. 65.

Civil Government—McBain's How We Are Governed in Virginia and the Nation 55. Geographies—Fry's First Course 40, Fry's Higher Geography 88. Arithmetic—Coburn, Duke and Powers' Elementary 24, Practical 42.

Physiologies—Comis Introductory 60, Ritchie's Human Physiology (for 7th and 8th grades). Agriculture—Dugger's 60. Copy Books—Hazen's New Writing, Brock's (semi-roman), Natural System of Vertical Writing—to be used only where already in use.

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THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY. Permanent Chairman Walsh called the independence party convention in Chicago to order yesterday evening and charged both democrats and republicans with having stolen their platforms from Hearst.

The report of the committee on rules, which was adopted unanimously, declared in favor of the adoption of the two-thirds vote for all nominations. The names of M. W. Howard, of Alabama; Thos. L. Higen, of Massachusetts; John Temple Graves, of Georgia, and Reuben R. Lyons, of New York, were placed in nomination for president.

During the roll call, when Kansas was reached, J. I. Shepard, of that state, asked the chairman if it was possible to vote for any candidate for the nomination who was not a member of the party. The reply was that the question has not yet arisen, whereupon Mr. Shepard took the platform, announcing that he had a candidate.

He mentioned the "standard of the democratic party" and a list of blases and bias grotesque reference. A riot nearly followed and an attempt was made to assault Shepard. Thomas Higen, of Massachusetts, was nominated for president on the third ballot, and John Temple Graves was nominated for vice president on the first ballot. W. R. Hearst, though not a candidate, received a complimentary vote of all a honor.

The first ballot resulted: Higen, 396; Howard, 200; Graves, 213; Lyons, 71; Hearst, 49. The third ballot resulted: Higen, 831; Howard, 35; Graves, 7; Hearst, 2. The platform sets forth: "Our action is based upon a determination to wrest the conduct of public affairs from the hand of selfish